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Senator Chambers mistreated you; now vote cloture here. Senator Louden, Senator Chambers likes prairie dogs and you don't; vote for cloture here. Senator Foley, Senator Chambers doesn't like your position on abortion; vote for this cloture. And y'all are going to buy it? Child psychology doesn't even work on children, but he and Radcliffe feel that it will work on the legislators, and we'll have the opportunity to see. But regardless of what happens on General File, I'm going to continue to fight this bill. Senator Pam Brown made a point yesterday that I didn't have the opportunity to deal with, because we ran out of time. She said there's a provision in the bill that will require a 25-mile buffer between one of these operations and any other that might be in competition. Now that's the wrong point to make, because we've been told by everybody that people drive thousands of miles to go to Cabela's, so what would 25 miles be? That's supposed to con us? Which should we believe? That the 25-mile buffer will prevent competition, and that the existing facility will have all of its customers? Or are we to believe that people drive hundreds of miles, bypassing everything else to get to Cabela's? They'll travel that 25 miles, if what we've been told is true, and go to Cabela's, and wipe out all of these other little businesses. No matter how much whining Senator Landis does about Senator Chambers, I'm going to continue to raise the same issues. There are people who can talk about how great this is going to be, but I've heard other times, in other contexts, where if you have one person or one family, you've done the right thing. How about if you preserve one business, or two businesses? You haven't helped them. Is Senator Schrock, is Senator Landis, is Senator Beutler--I don't know if he's on this or not, but he probably favors it, too--willing to put something in the bill to give an amount to every retail...

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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...establishment within a certain radius of Cabela's? Are they willing to do that? No, because you do not give money to retail establishments, unless it's Cabela's. That's what we're being asked to do, and I'm opposed to it, and